# BEFORE THE MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:	)		
STEPHEN MARK KADET, M.D.	) (	Case No.	10-2008-191365
Physician's and Surgeon's	)		
Certificate No. C-53151	)		
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Respondent.	)		
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#### **DECISION**

The attached Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby adopted as the Decision and Order of the Medical Board of California, Department of Consumer Affairs, State of California.

This Decision shall become effective at 5:00 p.m. on <u>June 24, 2011</u>.

IT IS SO ORDERED May 27, 2011.

MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

Shelton Duruisseau, Ph.D., Chair

Panel A

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13	STEPHEN MARK KADET, M.D.	OAH No.: 2010050684				
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		DISCIPLINARY ORDER				
15 16	Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. C 53151					
10	Respondent.					
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20	entitled proceedings that the following matters are true:					
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22	Linda K. Whitney (hereinafter "Comp	plainant") is the Executive Director of the				
23	Medical Board of California and is represented herein by Edmund G. Brown Jr., Attorney					
24	General of the State of California, by Beth Faber	Jacobs, Deputy Attorney General.				
25	2. Respondent Stephen Mark Kadet, M.	D. (hereinafter "respondent") is represented				
26	herein by Erin Muellenberg, Esq., of Reback, Mc	Andrews, Kjar, Warford & Stockalper, LLP,				
27	215 North "D" Street, Suite 303, San Bernardino, CA 92401.					
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#### **JURISDICTION**

- 3. On February 6, 2008, the Medical Board of California (hereinafter "Board") issued Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. C 53151 to respondent. The Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges and allegations contained in Accusation No. 10-2008-191365, expired on March 31, 2009, and has not been renewed.
- 4. On or about September 24, 2009, Barbara Johnston, in her then official capacity as Executive Director of the Board, filed Accusation No. 10-2008-191365 against respondent. A true and correct copy of Accusation No. 10-2008-191365 is attached hereto as Attachment "A" and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.
- 5. On or about September 24, 2009, respondent was served with a true and correct copy of Accusation No. 10-2008-191365, together with true and correct copies of all other statutorily required documents, at his address of record then on file with the Board. On or about October 2, 2009, respondent filed a Notice of Defense.

#### ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

- 6. Respondent has carefully read and fully understands the charges and allegations contained in Accusation No. 10-2008-191365, and has fully reviewed and discussed them with his attorney of record, Erin Muellenberg, Esq.
- 7. Respondent has carefully read and fully understands the contents, force, and effect of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order, and has fully reviewed and discussed same with his attorney of record, Erin Muellenberg, Esq.
- 8. Respondent is fully aware of his legal rights in this matter including his right to a hearing on the charges and allegations contained in Accusation No. 10-2008-191365, his right to present witnesses and evidence and to testify on his own behalf, his right to confront and cross-examine all witnesses testifying against him, his right to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents, his right to reconsideration and court review of an adverse decision, and all other rights accorded him pursuant to the California Administrative Procedure Act, the California Code of Civil Procedure, and all other applicable

laws, having been fully advised of same by his attorney of record, Erin Muellenberg, Esq. Respondent, having the benefit of counsel, hereby knowingly, intelligently, and voluntarily waives and gives up each and every right set forth above.

#### **CULPABILITY**

- 9. Respondent does not contest that, at an administrative hearing, Complainant could establish a *prima facie* case with respect to the charges and allegations contained in Accusation No. 10-2008-191365, a true and correct copy of which is attached hereto as Attachment "A," and that he has thereby subjected his Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. C 53151 to disciplinary action.
- 10. Respondent agrees that if he ever petitions for early termination or modification of probation, or if an accusation and/or petition to revoke probation is filed against him before the Medical Board of California, all charges and allegations contained in Accusation No. 10-2008-191365, with the exception of the Fourth Cause of Disciplinary Action in Accusation No. 10-2008-191365, shall be deemed true, correct and fully admitted by respondent for purposes of any such proceeding or any other licensing proceeding involving respondent in the State of California.
- 11. Respondent further agrees to be bound by the Board's imposition of discipline as set forth in the Disciplinary Order below.

#### CONTINGENCY

- 12. The parties agree that this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order shall be submitted to the Board for its consideration in the above-entitled matter and, further, that the Board shall have a reasonable period of time in which to consider and act on this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order after receiving it.
- 13. The parties agree that this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order shall be null and void and not binding upon the parties unless approved and adopted by the Board, except for this paragraph, which shall remain in full force and effect. Respondent fully understands and agrees that in deciding whether to approve and adopt this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order, the Board may receive oral and written communications from its staff and/or the Attorney General's Office. Communications pursuant to this paragraph shall not disqualify the Board, any

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member thereof, and/or any other person from future participation in this or any other matter affecting or involving respondent. In the event that the Board, in its discretion, does not approve and adopt this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order, with the exception of this paragraph, it shall not become effective, shall be of no evidentiary value whatsoever, and shall not be relied upon or introduced in any disciplinary action by either party hereto. Respondent further agrees that should the Board reject this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order for any reason, respondent will assert no claim that the Board, or any member thereof, was prejudiced by such review, discussion or consideration of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order or of any matter or matters related hereto.

#### ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS

- 14. This Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is intended by the parties herein to be an integrated writing representing the complete, final and exclusive embodiment of the agreements of the parties in the above-entitled matter.
- 15. The parties agree that facsimile copies of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order, including facsimile signatures of the parties, may be used in lieu of original documents and signatures and, further, that facsimile copies and signatures shall have the same force and effect as originals.
- 16. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree the Board may, without further notice to or opportunity to be heard by respondent, issue and enter the following Disciplinary Order:

#### **DISCIPLINARY ORDER**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. C 53151 issued to Respondent Stephen Mark Kadet, M.D. (Respondent) is revoked. However, the revocation is stayed and Respondent is placed on probation for thirty five (35) months on the following terms and conditions.

1. <u>ETHICS COURSE</u> Within sixty days of the effective date of this Decision, Respondent shall enroll in a course in ethics, at Respondent's expense, approved in advance by

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the Board or its designee. Failure to successfully complete the course during the second year of probation is a violation of probation.

An ethics course taken after the acts that gave rise to the charges in the Accusation, but prior to the effective date of the Decision may, in the sole discretion of the Board or its designee, be accepted towards the fulfillment of this condition if the course would have been approved by the Board or its designee had the course been taken after the effective date of this Decision.

Respondent shall submit a certification of successful completion to the Board or its designee not later than 15 calendar days after successfully completing the course, or not later than 15 calendar days after the effective date of the Decision, whichever is later.

2. NOTIFICATION Prior to engaging in the practice of medicine, the Respondent shall provide a true copy of the Decisions and Accusation to the Chief of Staff or the Chief Executive Officer at every hospital where privileges or membership are extended to Respondent, at any other facility where Respondent engages in the practice of medicine, including all physician and locum tenens registries or other similar agencies, and to the Chief Executive Officer at every insurance carrier which extends malpractice insurance coverage to Respondent. Respondent shall submit proof of compliance to the Board or its designee within 15 calendar days.

This condition shall apply to any change(s) in hospitals, other facilities or insurance carrier.

- 3. <u>SUPERVISION OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS</u> During probation, Respondent is prohibited from supervising physician assistants.
- 4. <u>OBEY ALL LAWS</u> Respondent shall obey all federal, state and local laws, all rules governing the practice of medicine in California, and remain in full compliance with any court ordered criminal probation, payments and other orders.
- 5. QUARTERLY DECLARATIONS Respondent shall submit quarterly declarations under penalty of perjury on forms provided by the Board, stating whether there has been compliance with all the conditions of probation. Respondent shall submit quarterly declarations not later than 10 calendar days after the end of the preceding quarter.

6. PROBATION UNIT COMPLIANCE Respondent shall comply with the Board's probation unit. Respondent shall, at all times, keep the Board informed of Respondent's business and residence addresses. Changes of such addresses shall be immediately communicated in writing to the Board or its designee. Under no circumstances shall a post office box serve as an address of record, except as allowed by Business and Professions Code section 2021(b).

Respondent shall not engage in the practice of medicine in Respondent's place of residence. Respondent shall maintain a current and renewed California Physician's and Surgeon's license. Respondent shall immediately inform the Board, or its designee, in writing, of travel to any areas outside the jurisdiction of California which lasts, or is contemplated to last, more than 30 calendar days.

- 7. <u>INTERVIEW WITH THE BOARD, OR ITS DESIGNEE</u> Respondent shall be available in person for interviews either at Respondent's place of business or at the probation unit office, with the Board or its designee, upon request at various intervals, and either with or without prior notice throughout the term of probation.
- 8. <u>RESIDING OR PRACTICING OUT-OF-STATE</u> In the event Respondent should leave the State of California to reside or to practice, Respondent shall notify the Board or its designee in writing 30 calendar days prior to the dates of departure and return. Non-practice is defined as any period of time exceeding 30 calendar days in which Respondent is not engaging in any activities defined in Sections 2051 and 2052 of the Business and Professions Code.

All time spent in an intensive training program outside the State of California which has been approved by the Board or its designee shall be considered as time spent in the practice of medicine within the State. A Board-ordered suspension of practice shall not be considered as a period of non-practice. Periods of temporary or permanent residence or practice outside California will not apply to the reduction of the probationary term. Periods of temporary or permanent residence or practice outside California will relieve Respondent of the responsibility to comply with the probationary terms and conditions with the exception of this condition and the following terms and conditions of probation: Obey All Laws and Probation Unit Compliance.

Respondent's license shall be automatically cancelled if Respondent's periods of temporary or permanent residence or practice outside California total two years. However, Respondent's license shall not be cancelled as long as Respondent is residing and practicing medicine in another state of the United States and is on active probation with the medical licensing authority of that state, in which case the two year period shall begin on the date probation is completed or terminated in that state.

9. <u>FAILURE TO PRACTICE MEDICINE - CALIFORNIA RESIDENT</u>
In the event Respondent resides in the State of California and for any reason Respondent stops practicing medicine in California, Respondent shall notify the Board or its designee in writing within 30 calendar days prior to the dates of non-practice and return to practice. Any period of non-practice within California, as defined in this condition, will not apply to the reduction of the probationary term and does not relieve Respondent of the responsibility to comply with the terms and conditions of probation. Non-practice is defined as any period of time exceeding 30 calendar days in which Respondent is not engaging in any activities defined in sections 2051 and 2052 of the Business and Professions Code.

All time spent in an intensive training program which has been approved by the Board or its designee shall be considered time spent in the practice of medicine. For purposes of this condition, non-practice due to a Board-ordered suspension or in compliance with any other condition of probation, shall not be considered a period of non-practice.

Respondent's license shall be automatically cancelled if Respondent resides in California and for a total of two years, fails to engage in California in any of the activities described in Business and Professions Code sections 2051 and 2052.

- 10. <u>COMPLETION OF PROBATION</u> Respondent shall comply with all financial obligations (e.g., probation costs) not later than 120 calendar days prior to the completion of probation. Upon successful completion of probation, Respondent's certificate shall be fully restored.
- 11. <u>VIOLATION OF PROBATION</u> Failure to fully comply with any term or condition of probation is a violation of probation. If Respondent violates probation in any

respect, the Board, after giving Respondent notice and the opportunity to be heard, may revoke probation and carry out the disciplinary order that was stayed. If an Accusation, Petition to Revoke Probation, or an Interim Suspension Order is filed against Respondent during probation, the Board shall have continuing jurisdiction until the matter is final, and the period of probation shall be extended until the matter is final.

- Respondent ceases practicing due to retirement, health reasons or is otherwise unable to satisfy the terms and conditions of probation, Respondent may request the voluntary surrender of Respondent's license. The Board reserves the right to evaluate Respondent's request and to exercise its discretion whether or not to grant the request, or to take any other action deemed appropriate and reasonable under the circumstances. Upon formal acceptance of the surrender, Respondent shall within 15 calendar days deliver Respondent's wallet and wall certificate to the Board or its designee and Respondent shall no longer practice medicine. Respondent will no longer be subject to the terms and conditions of probation and the surrender of Respondent's license shall be deemed disciplinary action. If Respondent re-applies for a medical license, the application shall be treated as a petition for reinstatement of a revoked certificate.
- associated with probation monitoring each and every year of probation, as designated by the Board, and which may be adjusted on an annual basis. Such costs shall be payable to the Medical Board of California and delivered to the Board or its designee no later than January 31 of each calendar year. Failure to pay costs within 30 calendar days of the due date is a violation of probation.

#### ACCEPTANCE

I, Stephen Mark Kadet, M.D., have carefully read this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order and, having the benefit of counsel, enter into it freely, voluntarily, intelligently, and with full knowledge of its force and effect on my Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. C 53151. I fully understand that, after signing this stipulation, I may not withdraw from it, that it shall be submitted to the Medical Board of California for its consideration, and that

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1	the Board shall have a reasonable period of time to consider and act on this stipulation after
2	receiving it. By entering into this stipulation, I fully understand that, upon formal acceptance by
3	the Board, I shall be required to comply with all of the terms and conditions of the Disciplinary
4	Order set forth above. I also fully understand that any failure to comply with the terms and
5	conditions of the Disciplinary Order set forth above shall constitute unprofessional conduct and
6	will subject my Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. C 53151 to further disciplinary action.
7	Dated: 12-21-10
8	STEPHEN MARK KADET, M.D  Respondent
9.	I have read and fully discussed with respondent Stephen Mark Kadet, M.D., the terms
10	and conditions and other matters contained in the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary
11	Order. I approve its form and content.
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13	Dated: 12/9/10 REBACK, MCANDREWS, KJAR, WARFORD & STOCKALPER
14	ERIN MUELLENBERG, ESQ.
16	Attorney for Respondent
17	ENDORSEMENT
18	The foregoing Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby respectfully
19	submitted for consideration by the Medical Board of California of the Department of Consumer
20	Affairs.
21	Dated: Jan. 12, 2011 EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
22	Attorney General of California THOMAS S. LAZAR Supervising Deputy Attorney General
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# ATTACHMENT "A" ACCUSATION NO. 10-2008-191365

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FILED STATE OF CALIFORNIA MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA EDMUND G. BROWN JR. SACRAMENTO SETUDBER 2420 09 Attorney General of California 2 STEVEN V. ADLER Supervising Deputy Attorney General 3 BETH FABER JACOBS Deputy Attorney General State Bar No. 89145 4 110 West "A" Street, Suite 1100 5 San Diego, CA 92101 P.O. Box 85266 6 San Diego, CA 92186-5266 Telephone: (619) 645-2069 7 Facsimile: (619) 645-2061 Attorneys for Complainant 8 BEFORE THE 9 MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS 10 STATE OF CALIFORNIA 11 12 Case No. 10-2008-191365 13 In the Matter of the Accusation Against: ACCUSATION 14 STEPHEN MARK KADET, M.D. **12174 NW 73rd Street** 15 Parkland, Florida 33076 Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate 16 No. C53151 17 Respondent. 18 19 Complainant alleges: **PARTIES** 20 Barbara Johnston (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in her official capacity 21 1. as the Executive Director of the Medical Board of California, Department of Consumer Affairs. 22 On or about February 6, 2008, the Medical Board of California issued Physician's 23 2. and Surgeon's Certificate Number C53151 to Stephen Mark Kadet, M.D. (Respondent). The 24 Certificate was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein, expired 2.5 on March 31, 2009, and has not been renewed. 26 27 ///

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#### JURISDICTION

- This Accusation is brought before the Medical Board of California (Board), 3. Department of Consumer Affairs, under the authority of the following laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code unless otherwise indicated.
  - Section 2220 of the Code states: 4.

"Except as otherwise provided by law, the Division of Medical Quality may take action against all persons guilty of violating this chapter [Chapter 5, the Medical Practice Act]. The division shall enforce and administer this article as to physician and surgeon certificate holders, and the division shall have all the powers granted in this chapter . . . ."

- Section 2227 of the Code provides that a licensee who is found guilty under the 5. Medical Practice Act may have his or her license revoked, suspended for a period not to exceed one year, placed on probation and required to pay the costs of probation monitoring, or have such other action taken in relation to discipline as the Division deems proper.
  - Section 2234 of the Code states: 6.

"The Division of Medical Quality shall take action against any licensee who is charged with unprofessional conduct. In addition to other provisions of this article, unprofessional conduct includes, but is not limited to, the following:

"(a) Violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, assisting in or abetting the violation of, or conspiring to violate any provision of this chapter [Chapter 5, the Medical Practice Act].

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<sup>1</sup> California Business and Professions Code section 2002, as amended effective January 1, 2008, provides in part that the term "board" as used in the State Medical Practice Act (Business and Professions Code, section 2000, et seq.) means the "Medical Board of California," and that references to the "Division of Medical Quality" and "Division of Licensing" in the Act or any other provision of law shall be deemed to refer to the Board.

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 $^2$  Shea v. Board of Medical Examiners (1978) 81 Cal. App.3d 564, 575.

"(e) The commission of any act involving dishonesty or corruption which is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of a physician and surgeon.

- "(f) Any action or conduct which would have warranted the denial of a certificate."
- 7. Unprofessional conduct under California Business and Professions Code section 2234 is conduct which breaches the rules or ethical code of the medical profession, or conduct which is unbecoming to a member in good standing of the medical profession, and which demonstrates an unfitness to practice medicine.<sup>2</sup>

#### 8. Section 2052 of the Code states:

- "(a) Notwithstanding Section 146, any person who practices or attempts to practice, or who advertises or holds himself or herself out as practicing, any system or mode of treating the sick or afflicted in this state, or who diagnoses, treats, operates for, or prescribes for any ailment, blemish, deformity, disease, disfigurement, disorder, injury, or other physical or mental condition of any person, without having at the time of so doing a valid, unrevoked, or unsuspended certificate as provided in this chapter [Chapter 5, the Medical Practice Act], or without being authorized to perform the act pursuant to a certificate obtained in accordance with some other provision of law, is guilty of a public offense, punishable by a fine not exceeding ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), by imprisonment in the state prison, by imprisonment in a county jail not exceeding one year, or by both the fine and either imprisonment.
- "(b) Any person who conspires with or aids or abets another to commit any act described in subdivision (a) is guilty of a public offense, subject to the punishment described in that subdivision.
- "(c) The remedy provided in this section shall not preclude any other remedy provided by law."

#### 9. Section 2264 of the Code states:

"The employing, directly or indirectly, the aiding, or the abetting of any unlicensed person or any suspended, revoked, or unlicensed practitioner to engage in the practice of medicine or any other mode of treating the sick or afflicted which requires a license to practice constitutes unprofessional conduct."

- 10. Section 2289 of the Code states: "The impersonation of another licensed practitioner or permitting or allowing another person to use his or her certificate to engage in the practice of medicine or podiatric medicine constitutes unprofessional conduct."
- 11. Section 2286 prohibits aiding and abetting the unlicensed corporate practice of medicine. It states:

"It shall constitute unprofessional conduct for any licensee to violate, to attempt to violate, directly or indirectly, to assist in or abet the violation of, or to conspire to violate any provision or term of Article 18 (commencing with Section 2400), of the Moscone-Knox Professional Corporation Act (Part 4 commencing with Section 13400) of Division 3 of Title 1 of the Corporations Code), or of any rules and regulations duly adopted under those laws."

# 12. Section 118, subdivision (b), of the Code provides that:

"The suspension, expiration, or forfeiture by operaton of law of a license issued by a board in the department, or its suspension, forfeiture, or cancellation by order of the board or by order of a court of law, or its surrender without the written consent of the board, shall not, during any period in which it may be renewed, restored, reissued, or reinstated, deprive the board of its authority to institute or continue a disciplinary proceeding against the licensee upon any ground provided by law or to enter an order suspending or revoking the license or otherwise taking disciplinary action against the licensee on any such ground."

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#### FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

# (Aiding and Abetting the Unlicensed Practice of Medicine)

- 13. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under sections 2227 and 2234, as defined by section 2264 of the Code, in that respondent aided and abetted the unlicensed practice of medicine. The circumstances are as follows:
  - A. In 2007, Aurora Pandolfo and George Anastassiou owned and operated several medical spas in New York and Florida called "Body Solutions," which they advertised as "America's Premier Non-Surgical Costmetic Centers." Neither Pandolfo or Anastassiou was licensed as a physician or surgeon in any state. They identified themselves as "endermologists." Body Solutions offered numerous cosmetic procedures and treatments, including laser hair removal, laser tattoo removal, "thermage" (which they claimed used radio frequency to tighten sagging skin), botox, and other cosmetic procedures and therapies.
  - B. Pandolfo and Anastassiou decided to expand their operations and open a Body Solutions Center in California, at 1200 Garden View Road, Encinitas, CA 92024. In October, 2007, they began to interview prospective staff, including nurses, for the Encinitas location. During the interview process, prospective employees were advised that respondent, who was then licensed as a physician in New York and Florida, would become the Medical Director at the Encinitas location.
  - C. On or about November 20, 2007, respondent filed Articles of Incorporation for Body Solutions, Inc., a California Professional Corporation, with the Office of the California Secretary of State. Respondent was listed as Chairman and Secretary of the Corporation.
  - D. On or about November 21, 2007, the City of Encinitas issued respondent, as business owner of Body Solutions of San Diego, LLC, at 1200 Garden View Rd., #100, Encinitas CA 92024, a business registration. The registration, effective November 21, 2007 through October 31, 2008, described the business as a "Cosmetic Enhancement Center."

E. Starting in early November. 2007. and with respondent's knowledge and consent, Aurora Pandolfo and George Anastassiou hired staff for the Encinitas Body Solutions Center, who in turn hired nurses and additional staff to perform cosmetic therapies and procedures at the location. Aurora Pandolfo and George Anastassiou developed the criteria for selecting patients, for determining what kinds of procedures should be used on patients, and for the charges to be assessed. They provided training on how to perform certain treatment modalities. The anticipated procedures included laser procedures that must be performed by a licensed physician or under the direct supervision of a licensed physician. At all relevant times, respondent was in Florida or New York.

F. In November, 2007, the Body Solutions Center in Encinitas opened and was operated out of New York by Aurora Pandolfo and George Anastassiou. They advertised the Encinitas location throughout San Diego County. The print advertisements indicated that Body Solutions was also in Florida and New York, and that "Body Solutions USA, LLC is under the supervision of Dr. Steven Kadet, M.D." Respondent knew of and approved the use of his name and representation in the adverstisements that he was supervising procedures and treatment offered by Body Solutions.

- G. With respondent's knowledge that there was no physician on site and his consent, nurses performed medical procedures on patients, including laser hair removal, laser tatoo removal, laser acne treatments, and Thermage (radio-frequency emissions that are used to tighten sagging skin).
- H. Upon determining that Body Solutions of San Diego was engaging in the illegal corporate practice of medicine and practicing medicine without a license, on or about November 2, 2007, the Medical Board sent Aurora Pandolfo and George Anastassiou, at the Body Solutions address in Encinitas, a Cease and Desist letter, demanding that they cease and desist violating the Medical Practice Act by engaging in these activities.

- Nursing staff at Body Solutions in Encinitas became concerned that there was no physician present at the location. When one of the nurses, S.C., repeatedly inquired about when a Medical Director would be coming, respondent spoke with her on the telephone from Florida. Respondent encouraged her and other staff to continue performing the laser procedures, indicated a medical director would be hired soon, and added that he (respondent) would soon be getting his medical license in California and that he would come to the facility to supervise.
- J. Respondent became licensed as a physician and surgeon in California on February 6, 2008. The same day, the Medical Board issued Body Solutions, Inc., at 1200 Garden View Road, Encinitas, California, a Fictitious Name Permit, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 2415.
- K. On or about February 20, 2008, respondent entered into a Facilities and Management Services Agreement to provide or supervise the providing of medical treatment and services, including laser hair removal, laser skin enhancement procedures, and other medical services for Body Solutions at 1200 Garden View, Encinitas, California.
- L. Despite the foregoing, respondent remained out of state and never came to the Encinitas location of Body Solutions to supervise or perform treatments.
- M. Body Solutions operated at the Encinitas location from approximately November 1, 2007 through August, 2008. At all relevant times, unlicensed staff at the facility offered and performed medical procedures, such as laser hair removal, laser tattoo removal, laser treatment for acne, and Thermage, and other procedures for which a medical license is required. From the onset, respondent knew that no other licensed physician was at the premises, no physician supervised treatments, and no physician performed the medical treatments provided at Body Solutions. He knew that nurses and unlicensed individuals were performing procedures that could only legally be performed by a licensed physician or a nurse under the supervision of a licensed physician. Respondent also knew his name was on the advertisements for

Body Solutions as the Medical Director Respondent knew this was occurring. consented to it, and by his conduct, enabled it to occur.

- N. Body Solutions closed its Encinitas location on or about August 8, 2008. At the time of closure, some staff members were owed back pay. In addition, the company was evicted for failure to pay rent.
- O. On or about December 23, 2008, the Medical Board issued a Cite and Fine against Aurora Pandolfo and George Anastassiou, based on their ownership and operation of Body Solutions in Encinitas, California. The Board found that they engaged in the unlicensed corporate practice of medicine in California by owning and operating a medical spa in Encinitas, California, which provided cosmetic services in violation of Business and Professions Code section 2052.

#### SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

## (Aiding and Abetting the Unlicensed Corporate Practice of Medicine)

14. Respondent is further subject to disciplinary action under sections 2227 and 2234, as defined by section 2286 of the Code, in that respondent aided and abetted the unlicensed corporate practice of medicine. The circumstances are as follows: Paragraph 13, above, is hereby incorporated by reference and realleged as if fully set forth herein.

#### THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

# (Allowing Another Person to Use Certificate to Engage in Practice of Medicine)

15. Respondent is further subject to disciplinary action under sections 2227 and 2234, as defined by section 2289 of the Code, in that respondent allowed others to use his certificate to engage in the practice of medicine. The circumstances are as follows: Paragraph 13, above, is hereby incorporated by reference and realleged as if fully set forth herein.

## FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Dishonesty or Corruption)

16. Respondent is further subject to disciplinary action under sections 2227 and 2234, as defined by section 2234, subdivision (e), of the Code, in that he has committed an act or acts involving dishonesty or corruption which is or are substantially related to the qualifications,

1	functions, or duties of a physician and surgeon, as more particularly described hereinafter:
2	Paragraph 13, above, is hereby incorporated by reference and realleged as if fully set forth herein.
3	FIFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE
4	(General Unprofessional Conduct)
5	17. Respondent is further subject to disciplinary action under sections 2227 and 2234 of
6	the Code, in that he has engaged in conduct which breaches the rules or ethical code of the
7	medical profession, or conduct which is unbecoming to a member in good standing of the medical
8	profession, and which demonstrates an unfitness to practice medicine, as more particularly
9	described hereinafter: Paragraph 13, above, is hereby incorporated by reference and realleged as
10	if fully set forth herein.
11	PRAYER
12	WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged,
13	and that following the hearing, the Medical Board of California issue a decision:
14	1. Revoking or suspending Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate Number C53151,
15	issued to Stephen Mark Kadet, M.D.;
16	2. Revoking, suspending or denying approval of Stephen Mark Kadet, M.D.'s authority
17	to supervise physician assistants, pursuant to section 3527 of the Code;
18	3. Ordering Stephen Mark Kadet, M.D. if placed on probation, to pay the Medical Board
19	of California the costs of probation monitoring;
20	4. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.
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22	DATED: September 24, 2009  BARBARA JOHNSTON
23	Executive Director
24	Medical Board of California Department of Consumer Affairs
25	State of California  Complainant
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